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SUBJECT: BULGARIAN AMBASSADOR TO VIENNA WILL ATTEND VIENNA  
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PolOff delivered reftel demarche to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Department Head for UN and Global Issues, Kamen Velichkov on June 13, and at that time, no decision had been made on the Bulgarian delegation or contribution to the Vienna Conference. On June 16, Middle East and Africa Directorate Expert, Yuliya Pirozlieva told PolOff that the Foreign Minister will not be able to attend the conference and that the Bulgarian Ambassador to Vienna, Radi Naydenov, will attend. Noting that Bulgaria did not have significant donor capacity and that past contributions had been in-kind, she said that no decision had been made about the Bulgarian contribution this time. Pirozlieva said that Bulgaria shares the U.S. view on the importance of the conference.

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